0.02 to 0.15 wt.% vanadium

and aluminum as the remainder and production-induced contaminants individually max 0.05 wt.% and total max 0.15 wt.%.

14. Process according to claim 13, for the production of diecasting alloys.

REMARKS

In accordance with the instant Preliminary Amendment, original claims 1-6 have been canceled and new claims 7-14 substituted therefor in better U.S. format.

The title and specification have been amended to make straight-forward spelling and grammatical changes.

The English language translation of the originally filed application contained translation errors which have been corrected by this Preliminary Amendment. Thus, the translated terms "scabbing" and "scab" are not correct and should have been translated as "dross-forming" and "dross", respectively. These changes have been made in this Preliminary Amendment.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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